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**Surface Transportation Board
Secretary, Vernon A Williams
395 East Street, SW
Washington, DC 20042**

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**Re Docket Nos. FD-35082 and AB-88 (SUB NO 5X) Request of Victor Wheeler, et al.,
for Oral Hearing/Argument and for Expedited Consideration**

Dear Mr Williams

Please find enclosed the Requests of Petitioners' and Respondents' respectively, for Oral Hearing and Expedited Consideration in the above captioned matters. All parties have requested that these two related cases be considered simultaneously.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (412) 630-9742. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

**Donald Bartlett Smith
Attorney for Petitioners/Respondents**



BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DOCKET NOS. FD-35082 AND AB-88 (SUB NO. 5X)

ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION - IN ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

PETITION OF VICTOR WHEELER, ET AL., FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

AND,

**JOINT MOTION OF THE NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA TRAIL ASSOCIATION
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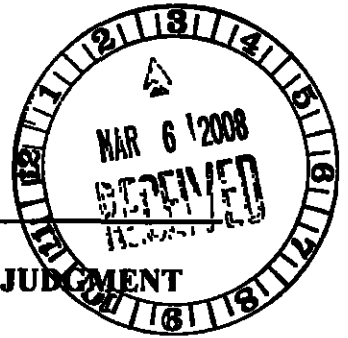
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1 Petitioners, Victor Wheeler and Sandra J. Wheeler, James K. Sisson and Nancy A Sisson; Bruce D Redfield III, and Tamera J Redfield, and David A. Warner and Tina M Warner, adult residents of the state of Pennsylvania, respectfully request the Surface Transportation Board ("Board"), for Oral Hearing/Argument in Docket Nos FD-35082, and AB-88 (SUB NO. 5X), that all named parties have petitioned the Board to consider concurrently

2 The issues raised the above cases present complex matters of both state and federal law The circumstances from which the facts are derived relate to one current, and several prior actions, before both the Board and the Federal Courts The documentation and evidence within the possession and knowledge of the Petitioners, and alleged to a greater though not exhaustive degree of specificity in the Complaint before the Federal Court, greatly exceeds that which it was practical to detail in the Petitioners' Petition in the first action and their Response in the second In neither case before the Board, do the parties agree about the facts, although the Federal Courts refusal to dismiss or rule against Victor Wheeler, et al.'s claims and the Court's referral of the same to the Board, tends to support their allegations. Finally, some of the issues presented to the Board for Decision appear to present matters of first impression for the Board Petitioners believe

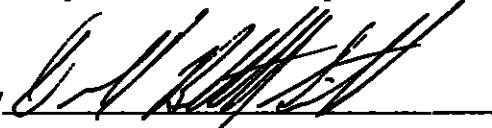
for these reasons that the arguments provided in the parties' written filings will be incomplete if Petitioners are not provided an opportunity to supplement the record and advocate their positions in an oral hearing

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Victor Wheeler, et al , Petitioners and Respondents, in the respective actions now before the Board, hereby request an Oral Hearing/Oral Argument in the above captioned matters

Dated this 4 day of March, 2008.

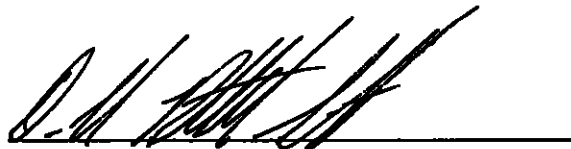
Respectfully Submitted,
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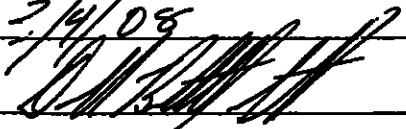
VERIFICATION

I, Donald Bartlett Smith, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this pleading Executed on March 4, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Bartlett Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served all parties of record in this proceeding with this document by United States mail.

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